

The Police Jury met in regular session assembled with the following members present: Bryan Vidrine, Sidney Fontenot, Ryan Ardoin, Eric Soileau, Lelia Thrasher, Keith Saucier, and Kevin Veillon. Absent and excused were Daniel Arvie and Ryan Williams. A quorum was present.

There were no comments made from the public regarding the agenda items.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Ryan Ardoin to approve the October 3, 2022 Committee, Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Ryan Ardoin to approve the jail supply list as submitted. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Kevin Veillon authorizing the payment of bills on file in the office. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Code of Federal regulations as enacted by the United States Congress mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, related for safe load capacity and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and that an inventory be maintained by each State; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility to inspect, rate and load post those bridges under the authority of Evangeline Parish in accordance with those standards is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to Evangeline Parish;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing authority of Evangeline Parish (herein referred to as the Parish) that the Parish in regular session assembled does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (herein referred to as the DOTD) that for the period of the 1st of October 2022 through the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2023:

The Parish has performed all interim inspections on all Parish owned and maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards.

All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish have been structurally analyzed and rated by the Parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with ASSHTO Manual for Maintenance Inspection of Bridges. The load posting information that has been determined by the LA DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under Louisiana State Law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating as determined above has been critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information has been updated by the Parish to reflect all structural ratings.

All Parish owned or maintained bridges which require load posting or closing are load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Engineering Directives and Standards Manual Directive NO. 1.1.1.8. All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting.

All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the DOTD. Corrections to data supplied to the Parish by the LA DOTD are noted.

These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in the Off-system Bridge Replacement Program.

The above and foregoing, having been submitted to a vote was unanimously adopted on this 7th day of November, 2022.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving to set budget day for Wednesday, November 30, 2022 starting at 9:00 a.m. in the Police Jury Office Conference Room. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Keith Saucier approving to set the Police Jury December meeting date for Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse Building, 200 Court Street, Ste. 207, Ville Platte, La. Motion carried.

In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1307, Local Government Budget Act, a motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Keith Saucier approving to call a public hearing on Monday, December 5, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse Building, 200 Court Street, Ste. 207, Ville Platte, La to hear public comments and/or questions regarding the 2022 proposed budget amendments and the 2023 proposed budget appropriations with a special meeting to follow at 5:15 p.m. for the adoption of budgets. Motion carried.

Motion was made by and seconded by approving to advertise and accept bids for Pest Control, Fuel, Asphalt, Limestone, Culverts, etc. Sealed bids will be received at the office of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury located at 1008 West LaSalle Street, Ville Platte, La 70586 until 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 5, 2022, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be awarded at a Special Meeting on Monday, December 5, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse Building, located at 200 Court Street, Ste. 207, Ville Platte, La. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Keith Saucier approving to table the approval of the 2023 operating budget for Evangeline Parish Communications District when more information is obtained. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lelia Thrasher and seconded by Ryan Ardoin to approve the 2022 EMPG grant of \$14,000 to be spent only for Star Link equipment for agencies which are interested. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Lelia Thrasher approving the EMPG grant of \$29,900.84 for the purpose of salaries for employees with the Office of Emergency Preparedness which will include the following payroll changes for employees as listed:

November 2022 (Payroll period 11/25/22)  
December 2022 (Payroll date 12/9/22 & 12/23/22)  
January 2023 (Payroll date 01/06/23 & 01/20/23)

Liz Hill 35%  
Sherry Buller 28%  
Mona Nelson 21%  
Kristi Burleigh 16%

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Eric Soileau to approve calling a public hearing on Monday, December 5, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse Building, 200 Court Street, Ste. 207, Ville Platte, La to hear public comments and/or questions regarding the introduction of an ordinance for the merging of Ward 5 Fire Protection District of Evangeline Parish and Lone Pine Fire Department Fire Protection District. Motion carried.

Public Works Director gave the following report:

- Moving of expenses from Fund 115 District 1 to Fund 114 District 1.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Eric Soileau to approve the paying of expenses for District 1 from Road District One Fund (115) to Sales Tax Fund (114). Motion carried.

- A bridge located in District 9 needs to be replaced; funding is not available at this time to fully complete the project.
- Recognition was given to the road crew who performed work on a bridge in District 4. They went all out and did a good job on the project. Members of the Jury also acknowledged the Public Works Director for getting the job done and is considering hiring an assistant for the public works director to help with his duties.
- Grants funds for Crooked Creek is still remaining, these funds will be used for sewer maintenance in the Park.
- Road sign theft throughout the parish is becoming a serious problem. Different avenues are being looked into on how to stop the theft.
- Ward 1 drainage equipment will be moving to Saw Mill Rd. for drainage work.

Secretary-Treasurer, Donald Bergeron, gave the following report:

- Requesting to adopt resolutions for the Water Enrichment and LGAP Grants.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Keith Saucier approving to adopt a resolution applying for funding through the Community Water Enrichment Fund in the amount of \$100,000 for the purpose of construction of an equipment and controls building at the Industrial Park. Motion carried.

- Burn ban has been lifted as of November 7, 2022.
- Acadian Ambulance monthly report is in compliance with the ordinance.
- Mr. Bergeron stated that each juror has been emailed the parish budget to actual comparison reports for each fund and asked the Jury if there were any questions regarding those reports. No comments were reported.
- Sales tax collections for September 2022, collected in October 2022, \$388,626.17.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Eric Soileau approving to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

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Bryan Vidrine, President

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Donald Bergeron, Secretary-Treasurer